

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 15, 25 and 36 include allowable subject matter. The subject matter of these dependent claims, and any intervening claims have been incorporated into independent claims 11, 21 and 31, respectively. Thus it is respectfully submitted that these independent claims and the claims depending therefrom are patentable.

Independent claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,138,010 (Rabe). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. As to claim 8, Rabe nowhere teaches receiving priority information and device characteristics in a wireless transceiver interface that gains ownership of a channel lock. That is, in Rabe, there is no teaching or suggestion of receipt of such priority information and device characteristics in a wireless transceiver interface. Instead, the transceivers of Rabe are controlled to be in an active state or inactive state; there is no teaching or suggestion of receipt of priority information or device characteristics by the transceivers. Accordingly, claim 8 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable. For at least the same reasons, claim 19 and the claims depending therefrom are similarly patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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